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Athletics fees split and increased

$50 fee gone but incidentals rise

By Adam Giles

When students return to school on Monday they will discover the retraction of last year's disputed $50 all-inclusive athletics fee, but although returning students will likely be overjoyed and new students won't know the difference, all students are paying higher athletics incidental fees.

In May, Quality Service to Students (QSS) and the University Affairs (UA) Board first approved the split of athletics incidental fees into two separate fees – one for the Centre for Physical Education (CPE) and one for the University of Toronto at Mississauga Athletics Council (UTMAC) – formerly the Erindale College Athletics and Recreation Association (ECARA). Then QSS and the UA Board approved a $29.60 fee increase for full-time students and a $7.72 increase for part-time students. Previously, full-time students paid $62 in athletics incidentals and part-time students paid $19.95. Full-time students now contribute $83 to the CPE and $8.60 to UTMAC and part-time students now contribute $17.18 to the CPE and $2.77 to UTMAC.

The Split

The administrative athletics department used to fall under the control of the student athletics council (ECARA) but in 1998, the Review of the Department of Athletics and Recreation (DAR) proposed to separate the department from the student council. Last year ECARA was dismantled so a new constitution could be written to accommodate the DAR's recommendation. This year's fee split establishes the department's and student council's separate budgets. UTMAC's budget will cover the costs of orientation, the athletics banquet, and other student athletics events as well as the costs of paying intramural officials. The CPE is responsible for athletics programming and maintenance of the department.

UTMAC president Yasin Ozturk said the new setup is an improvement.

"It's clearer now who's in charge of what. Our responsibilities are for us to manage on our own. There aren't any foreseeable problems because the department's budget will cover what they need and our budget will cover what we need," Ozturk said.

"The responsibility that the department has taken on is to adequately maintain everything. The department is now solely accountable for maintenance and if anything happens now, the blame falls squarely on them. It's no longer a burden to the student association."

Acting director of athletics Jack Krist said the student council is now immune to legal liability.

"Since the student society isn't operating the facility, they're not responsible for things like overspending and lawsuits. No other department in the university operated like athletics used to operate – with students responsible and liable for everything. The student council was given their own budget with regard to events like the athletics banquet, orientation, and sports pubs. This is all stuff that's done better when publicly generated through students," Krist said.

Even though the CPE now receives the majority of incidental athletics fees and more responsibilities, Ozturk and Krist don't think the student voice in athletics has been muffled.

"There is a student majority on our (CPE's) Governing Council. Students aren't really losing any power in athletics – it's just done differently. The $62 was ECARA's money but the department's operations and salaries and things like maintenance all came out of that. If ECARA cheque-signers were away, you

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Understanding your incidental fees

	Full-time Students	Part-time Students
Previously:	$62.00 (to ECARA)	$19.95 (to ECARA)
This year:		
(a) The Split	$53.40 (to the CPE)	$17.18 (to the CPE)
	8.60 (to UTMAC)	2.77 (to UTMAC)
(b) The Increase	$53.40 (to the CPE)	$17.18 (to the CPE)
	+ 29.60 (amount of increase)	+ 7.72 (amount of increase)
Total	$83.00 (to the CPE)	$24.90 (to the CPE)
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	+ 8.60 (to UTMAC)	+ 2.77 (to UTMAC)
Total incidentals to athletics:	**$91.60**	**$27.67**

Yellow tape

There's some red tape, uh make that yellow 'Caution' tape, in athletics these days. Massive renovations clog the athletics department. My, my, my...what a mess. See full story on page 12. *photo/Nuvera Mizra*

Aramark expands, cola-deal goes flat

By Tracy Moniz

Aramark is the new name in vending at UTM.

A Beverage Committee comprised of student leaders, faculty, staff and administration voted for the selection of the next supplier of vending services at UTM.

> "Why reward Aramark when we are already dissatisfied with their performance on campus?"
> – Preena Chauhan

"We considered service and financial return, and Aramark won. Aramark seemed to be on top of everything when compared to the other suppliers. Their presentation was very well put together, they seemed more professional, and they have a lot of experience," said Christine Capewell, Director of Business Services at UTM, who was also on the Beverage Committee.

Of the decision to support Aramark, Student Administrative Council (SAC) Director Christopher Allsop said: "We were a little worried because Aramark doesn't have the best name on campus, but we felt that Aramark came up with the best deal in the end." Aramark presently has a monopoly on UTM's food services. Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President Preena Chauhan also expressed concern over Aramark's reputation among students. "Why reward Aramark when we are already dissatisfied with their performance on campus? This was ECSU's biggest issue."

The final vote for the four-year contract was 6 to 1 in favor of Aramark. ECSU did not support the decision.

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Protest over pesticide at UTM

But residence-area lawns sprayed anyway

By Adam Giles

This spring, UTM groundskeepers sprayed pesticides on campus lawns. Faculty and staff protested. On August 30, groundskeepers sprayed pesticides on campus lawns again.

Pesticide signs warned of toxic chemicals in the grass last week when residence-area lawns were sprayed.

Biology professor and head of the Grounds Monitoring Committee, Nicholas Collins said he was upset that pesticide was sprayed on the residence-area lawns after several staff and faculty members expressed their disapproval at a College Affairs Committee meeting on July 27.

"I saw the signs and I went over to see what they were spraying. When I found out it was Killex, I went looking for the grounds supervisor, Steven Tolley," he said.

"I thought he was onside with what we agreed on at the meeting, which was that pesticides should only be used as a last resort. The impression given to me at that meeting was that mass spraying was no longer current policy – that pesticides should be 'spot-sprayed' when they're required. But Tolley said, 'If you look at the minutes of that meeting, we were only talking about spraying on non-residential lawns.'"

Collins spoke to the director of facility resources, Sol Kessler, who contacted the spraying company and asked them to stop. Kessler said the spraying company was called in because the groundskeepers were behind schedule.

"It was done so we could have all the spraying done before school begins. It [spraying] shouldn't have been done. The policy says spraying should only be

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK
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Aramark builds monopoly

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Services is run separately from Aramark Food Services, Chauhan voted to remain with Red Carpet, UTM's previous vending supplier. "Aramark is always Aramark to us. Why reward a company when we have had nothing but problems with them on campus? Students don't approve of them. It would be like giving Aramark a pat on the back. With Red Carpet, we aren't losing anything," Chauhan said. She also said that ECSU will follow up with Aramark to ensure that student expectations are being met.

The Cola Deal goes flat

Over the 1999-2000 academic year, the University considered the possibility of entering into an exclusive beverage contract with a cola company, namely Coke or Pepsi. Under such an agreement, a student's choice on campus would be limited to the products of the company who bid the most money for UTM's business.

In addition, a confidentiality agreement would prohibit students from knowing any details of the agreement, and thereby prohibit students from knowing if their concerns are being addressed. Many students stood opposed to an exclusivity deal at UTM. Last year, ECSU took an official stand against UTM entering into any exclusive beverage contract, regardless of the financial return, because it takes choice away from students.

Marvin Gardens, Ventnor, and Atlantic: Aramark builds their monopoly one vending machine at a time.

The possibility of an exclusive contract was quickly rejected during the Beverage Committee's initial meetings. "We put our business up for bids, and the committee came to the conclusion that it (an exclusivity contract) wasn't worth our while to pursue," said Capewell. Because of the confidential nature of the proposal made to UTM by each interested supplier, Capewell could not release the amount of money offered. "It became clear that there was not as much money in the deals as there used to be," said Capewell.

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According to the April 2000 issue of Maclean's magazine, the McGill University exclusive beverage agreement was reportedly worth an estimated $10 million – an offer which McGill also rejected.

"Students don't want exclusive contracts," said Allsop. "Pepsi didn't put forward a very good deal, so we didn't even really consider them. Coke did propose a fair bit, but what kind of price can we put on an exclusive contract that students don't want? Aramark and Red Carpet were willing to work with either Coke or Pepsi, or both. In the end, SAC voted for Aramark because they offered the best deal," he said.

There will be no significant changes in the products sold in the vending machines, however students will see an increase in the price of chocolate bars – up from $1.00 to $1.25 – due to a price increase from Aramark suppliers. In addition, Aramark will be installing two new change machines – one in the Greenery and the other in the Student Centre.

15-Credit degree abolished

BY TRACY MONIZ

The Faculty of Arts and Science will eliminate the 15-credit Bachelor of Arts and the 15-credit Bachelor of Science degrees at the St. George and UTM campuses. The decision will not affect new students entering in September 2000.

Effective September 2001, new students entering St. George will no longer have the 15-credit degree option. According to Mark Overton, UTM Registrar, UTM still hasn't established a "phase-out date." "The Erindale College Council, Principal McNutt, and the Dean of each division will be discussing the timeline. They will likely consider phasing out the 15-credit degree for students entering in September 2002 or later, out of consideration for guidance counselors and prospective students who would need to be informed well in advance," said Overton.

> "Many people take 15-credit degrees because they can achieve a degree from the best university in Canada in about three years"
> – Paul Kutasi

According to Kim Luke, Director of Public Relations for the Faculty of Arts and Science, the 15-credit degree was eliminated to "protect the integrity – the depth and breadth – of a liberal education at the U of T." Luke believes that the decision will improve the quality of undergraduate education at the U of T. "If we are serious in our commitment to improving writing and other critical thinking skills across the curriculum while maintaining the depth and strength of our programs, the 20-credit degree is the only way we can do it," she said. Professor Ray Cummins, Biology Professor and Governing Council Executive Committee member, echoed Luke's belief. "There did not appear to be enough class time available in a 15-credit degree to do this." Cummins said that eliminating the three-year degree provides an opportunity for U of T to distinguish itself from other universities in the province.

Student representatives at the Governing Council meeting spoke passionately against the motion to eliminate the 15-credit degree. "There is an accessibility problem," said Paul Kutasi, former SAC Vice President for the 1999-2000 academic year. "Many people take 15-credit degrees because they can achieve a degree from the best university in Canada in about three years. Now, they will have to pay another $5000 for another year of education. This is extra money in the university's coffers. We must remember that the majority of people in the 15-credit program are part-time students. The extra year is more burdensome in terms of finances and time. This can lead to students going elsewhere," he said.

Kutasi also rejected the University's position that the added time will be beneficial in terms of graduate education. "This argument is erroneous. Yes, graduate schools look only at those with a 20-credit degree. But, do those pursuing a 15-credit degree want to get into grad school? Probably not. If students want to pursue higher education, they will make the choice themselves and continue with the extra year," he said.

U of T's Scarborough campus, a separate Faculty from the Faculty of Arts and Science, hasn't yet decided in favor of eliminating the 15-credit degree.

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Pesticide sprayed on UTM lawns despite protest

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done when deemed necessary. I don't think mass spraying is the way to go but unfortunately I don't get involved with everything on this campus. I assured everyone that such an incident should not and would not happen again," said Kessler.

Steven Tolley was not reachable for comment.

Academic machine shop supervisor John Malcolm and English professor Randy McLeod are frustrated with the pesticide issue.

"We seem to have a debate about this topic from time to time at Erindale although I'm not sure the debates have any effect on what is actually done in the way of pesticide and herbicide use," said Malcolm.

"The whole episode points out the lack of good communication at Erindale," said McLeod.

The Erindale College Grounds Maintenance Policy, adopted by the Erindale College Council in 1991, says pesticides should be used moderately. It reads: "Where pesticide use is deemed necessary, the product should be directed to specific areas of infestation, rather than being generally applied, whenever the former procedure will achieve sufficient control."

The springtime pesticide spraying sparked an e-mail discussion amongst staff and faculty members and led to the July 27 College Affairs Committee meeting. At the meeting, Kessler said that pesticide use had been virtually eliminated but spraying was necessary in the spring because of understaffing in the grounds crew, equipment problems, rapid weed growth from heavy rainfalls, and complaints that campus maintenance had deteriorated. Kessler added that weeds growing through cracks in the asphalt of the tennis courts and parking lots were sprayed for liability reasons – he said UTM could face a lawsuit if someone tripped over weeds growing through cracks.

Mathematics professor Frank Tall said pesticides are potentially as toxic to humans as they are to weeds and insects.

"Chemicals in these pesticides are implicated as contributing to allergies or causing reactions among people with allergies. And there have been almost no studies of how these chemicals interact with other chemicals in the environment," he said.

> "There are doubts about the necessity of pesticides. At the very least, we're spraying way more pesticide than is needed to control dandelions"
> – Nicholas Collins

Biology teaching lab technician Marianne Kalich said using pesticide to make lawns more attractive isn't worth the health risks.

"I don't believe that toxic chemicals should be used cosmetically to satisfy somebody's idea of what a lawn should look like. These chemicals are known to adversely affect health of both humans and other wildlife, and I don't think anybody should be allowed to make this kind of negative impact on others," she said

"I believe that the university in particular should be setting the example to the rest of the community with regard to healthy environmental practices. I care for my own health, for the health of my children, for the health of the children from the camps that romp around on our lawns, and for the diversity of wildlife on this campus. I think that environmental and health issues aside, spraying pesticides should be avoided from a financial viewpoint as well. At a time when we are still experiencing cutbacks, I don't think money should be spent on this."

Collins said we don't know enough about the negative effects of pesticides.

"It's very confusing because the active ingredients have one set of effects, but there are also contaminants that are part of the manufacturing process. And it's difficult to test in a laboratory because in a laboratory, you are looking at a more purified form of the chemicals," he said.

After an experiment, Collins also doubts the necessity for pesticides.

"In the late eighties or early nineties we did an experiment to test the necessity of pesticides. We took a portion of a lawn in residence and designated it as a 'no-spray' area for three years. Then we counted the number of dandelions in the sprayed and non-sprayed areas for three years. We found no substantial increases in the number of dandelions in the 'no-spray' area over a period of three years without pesticide. There are doubts about the necessity of pesticides. At the very least, we're spraying way more pesticide than is needed to control dandelions."

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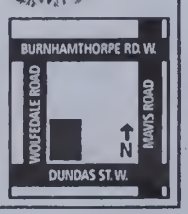


Corporate signage screw-up

Students upset, signage unraveling

BY TRACY MONIZ

The corporate signage presently in the Student Centre is on its way out. The large decals on the glass panes identify student offices and name several rooms after the building's corporate and non-corporate sponsors. The new signage, while still respectful of the donors, will be smaller and subtler.

The signage should have been replaced before the start of the 2000-2001 academic year. According to Diana Borowski, director of public relations at UTM, delays on the part of the designers have caused the setback. "I don't know exactly when all the new signage will be completed – Christmas at the latest. All the signs won't be put in at the same time either. It'll be done in steps. We don't want to rush and not do it properly," said Borowski.

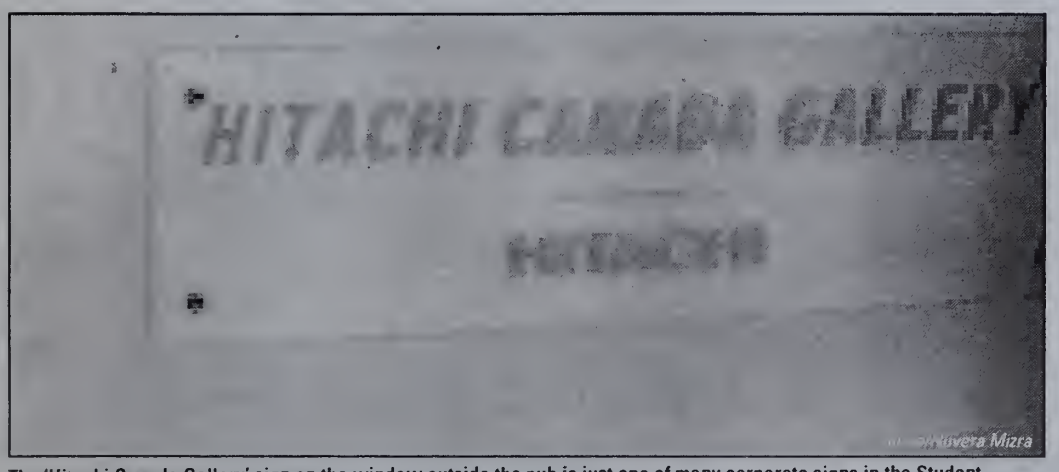
The signage was not "properly" completed when it was originally put in place last year. Some students and student leaders felt disappointed at not having been consulted when the signage was originally done. Former Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) President Laurie Schirripa called the signs "tacky to say the least." She felt that the signage changed the entire look of the building, making it more corporate.

> "I don't know exactly when all the new signage will be completed – Christmas at the latest"
> – Diana Borowski

Because of the student upset, Borowski met with student leaders and The Student Centre architects to reach a compromise. The yellow signs on the glass panes, such as the "Ignat and Didi Kaneff Great Hall," will be removed and replaced with smaller, blue lettering, and mounted glass plaques will replace the signage on The Student Centre walls, modeled after the sign presently identifying the "Hitachi Canada Gallery."

The donor wall outside The Student Centre poses another problem. The lettering on the wall commemorating the sponsors is peeling off. "I met with the person in charge of production and manufacturing, and we are in the process of judging which materials will work best in order to prevent this from happening again," said Borowski. As an alternative to simply changing the lettering, Borowski is considering using a "small, freestanding structure" to acknowledge the donors instead.

Borowski also said that plans are underway to get "The Student Centre" sign put up. "We need a 'Student Centre' sign. Nothing is definite in terms of where it will go yet - maybe on the edge where the roof slants along the Hatch Walk. We're waiting on a photo from the graphic designers so I can see what it looks like first," she said.



The 'Hitachi Canada Gallery' sign on the window outside the pub is just one of many corporate signs in the Student Centre. All signs were supposed to be made smaller and changed to have blue letters. We'll believe it when we see it.

Athletics fees rise

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were in trouble," Krist said.

"We'll be able to maintain a check on them (CPE) through the Governing Council," Ozturk said.

The Increase

After UTMAC's and the CPE's separate budgets were established, the CPE's portion of incidental fees was raised so the department would break even this year. The department, which collected and spent students' incidental fees in the absence of ECARA, ran a $80,074 net loss last year. Ozturk and Krist said the fees had to be raised because there were no provisions for inflationary fee increases in the past.

"We don't have quality facilities because we had no inflationary increases. Scarborough charges much more from students and they have better facilities because they had inflationary increases," Ozturk said.

> "...we have to let students know they're paying for it"
> – Preena Chauhan

"Last year was the first year we ran a deficit. Before then we didn't lose money, we just ran the facilities bare bones. We're not operating with any carry-over money. If we need to make improvements, we can only use the money we collect in that year. And even with this year's fee increase, we have no contingency fund if something happens. Scarborough puts away $73,000 as a buffer. This year their gyms got flooded and their tennis courts got washed over. They can fix these things right away. We couldn't. It's scary when you're this close to zero," Krist said.

At the May QSS meeting, Diversity Officer Pardeep Nagra said aiming to break even and not allowing for contingencies makes the budget inflexible.

"It would have been more fiscally responsible if room was made for contingencies in the operating budget," he said.

Director of Business Services Christine Capewell admitted that this year's breakeven athletics budget leaves little room for contingencies.

"There's definitely no fat in this budget. In the unlikely event that something blows up, we'll face a loss. We'll be watching the budget month by month," she said.

Capewell added that this year's fee increase is the first of a two-year phase-in increase.

"I do think it will go up again next year," she said.

Ozturk said he was opposed to the fee increase at first, but UTMAC voted in favour of it because students will benefit from improved facilities.

"I'm still a little uncomfortable with it because I am a student but it's for the better of the students and the athletics facilities. We have to claim responsibility for this now…we voted on it. From now on the only fee increases will be inflationary increases. There is going to be disagreement this year," he said.

ECSU president Preena Chauhan said she hopes to see a big athletics awareness campaign so students know that they are paying for it in their incidental fees.

"I really want to see an increase in student participation. Now that the fees are already in our incidental fees, it may feel like it's free but we have to let students know they're paying for it," she said.

"If they know they're paying for it then I think they'll use it. And it's up to athletics, ECSU, and SAC to promote the centre and inform students about what they're paying for. Athletics didn't educate students about the $50 fee last year and students felt ripped off. That's where the problems were."

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Good old Athletics

EDITORIAL

Following a year of turmoil and questionable decisions, the 2000-2001 athletics year is off to an equally puzzling start. Previously, there was a $62 Athletics incidental fee –all of which went to ECARA, the student athletic council. In May, that fee was split - $53.40 to the Centre for Physical Education (CPE, the Administrative department) and $8.60 to the new student council (UTMAC). Now, $83.40 goes to CPE, and $8.60 goes to UTMAC. The fee increase – which the department claims is to account for inflation – will increase again next year! To top off last year's backlash on the $50 dollar increase, the department is hiding this year's fee increase in incidental fees.

But what about the power of the students? Two years ago, students had complete control of Athletics. All fees changes went through the students. All decisions went through the students. All responsibilities belonged to the students. Now, students organize the Athletics orientation – which most frosh agree on as a joke – and the athletics banquet – an exclusive event which charges $30/person. The administrative department controls the everything else – the facilities, the programmes, and the financing.

It's a slap in the face for students who ran the programme for years.

And what about the mandatory fee? If I have a medical condition and can't use any of the gym facilities, why should I have to pay for the gym? Why can't we opt out of the fee, like other University plans? From all sides, the students have less choice, less freedom, and once again, less faith in UTM athletics.

Kill all the dandelions, let god sort them out

Once again, the University of Toronto at Mississauga has not lived up to its esteemed reputation. Witness the pesticide issue. Here we have the claim by groundskeepers that falling behind schedule forced them to "mass spray" the area with pesticides.

Director of facility resources Sol Kessler said the grounds were "mass sprayed" so the job could be completed before classes began. The students will arrive. The grass will be green. And toxic chemicals will pollute our campus. Sounds like a good idea.

Faculty and staff already brought up this issue of unnecessary spraying and its effects on the environment. The groundskeeper's response was to do a "mass spraying" – one last time. "I promise, I'll never do it again," said the thief.

How can a University that plans to sell itself in a few years on one of the most advanced communication programmes on the planet (Communication Culture Information Technology) live with these poor inter-communication skills? Does anyone listen to anybody around here? It's fair to say that groundskeeping had a job to do, fell behind schedule, and needed to come up with a fast solution. Kessler even stopped the spraying before it was scheduled to stop.

But the spraying shouldn't have happened in the first place.

Biology lab technician Marianne Kalich rightly stated that Universities should be setting an example with "healthy environmental practices."

How can a university expect to train students to better their community if the university can't manage it's own resources? We shouldn't need hindsight to see the problem. Both sides were clear. The staff and faculty opposed the spraying, and made this clear in the July 27 meeting. Yet, the spraying continued.

The rules should be clear and simple. No pesticides. Health is more important than lawn care. And if UTM brochures don't look as good with the occasional dandelion, so be it.

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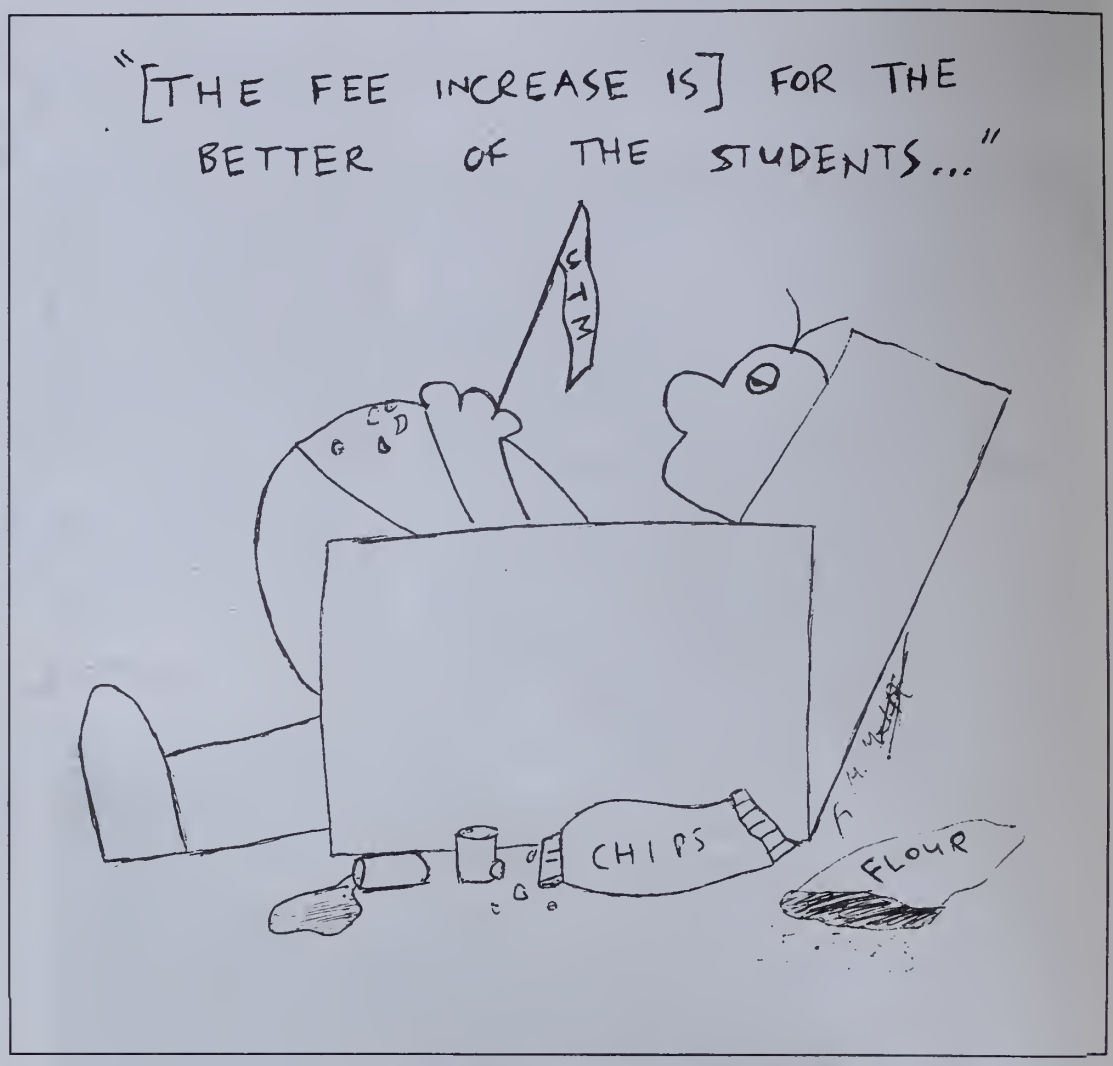

UTM student hates fee increase

Dear editor,

I am currently in my fourth year at UTM, enrolled in the Art & Art History programme – a joint programme between UTM and Sheridan College. This year I am focussing on my studies at Sheridan college, which means that I am spending very little time on the UTM campus.

So why am I paying $90 for a gym I will never use? I'm baffled at how the athletics department at UTM could even try to slide such a large fee by the students, assuming that they wouldn't even notice. It's highly unprofessional. Athletics might think that they only need to answer to Q.S.S. (as they were often quoted in last year's Medium), but ultimately, it's the students that are being forced into using UTM"s facilities, not the governing body of Q.S.S.

The least that UTM's athletic council could do is to make the $90 fee opt-outable – Student's Administrative Council doesn't force us to use their health care plan, so why should UTM force us to use their athletics facilities? And what about students that have a disability which might prevent them from making full use of UTM's facilities? It's unfair to force students to pay for services and facilities that they don't want to, or can't use. It's times like these when I feel ashamed to be enrolled at the University of Toronto.

Sincerely,

Rita Taylor

The Adventures of Billy: Part 1

Opinion

Richie Mehta

Billy stared at the sign for the South Building. This would be his first trip inside a University. What would he see? His highschool was a haven for immature, disgruntled students. The staff didn't care to be there, and cared even less for the well being of the students. University would be different. People would care for him here. It would be a learning centre. A place where he could study hard and learn the academics, and experience first hand a kind world. Staff would listen to students. Students would listen to staff. And Billy would find his place in the world. People would respect his opinions, his beliefs, and his independence.

Billy entered the south building meeting place to see a flood of people running around. He walked into registrarial services to get his fees invoice. The clerk handed him the invoice.

"$598.25!" yelled Billy. "What am I paying for?" The clerk looked puzzled. "What's this $90 fee for?" asked Billy.

"That's for athletics," said the clerk.

"Wait a second, I'm paying $90 for a Athletics here, $23 for Athletics downtown, and I'm never going to use the facilities because I have a heart murmer!" The clerk looked unimpressed.

Billy left the office with the invoice. He felt a wave of depression hitting him. That didn't make any sense. Why did he have to pay these fees. It was impossible for any human being to use everything he had to pay for.

But he still felt optimistic. Somebody would look out for him. After all, he joined the largest campus of the University of Toronto – the most prestigious post-secondary school in Canada. Somebody knew what was going on. Somebody had to.

Billy raised his head and decided not to worry. Good times lay ahead, and he wouldn't let $90 dollars here of $23 there bother him.

Billy looked grabbed the change in his pocket. $1. Just enough for a chocalate bar, he thought. He was starving. A chocolate bar would hold him over until dinner.

He approached the vending machine and looked at the prices.

He cried.

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ORIENTATION 2000

WELCOME TO UTM!

The next few pages are a compilation of summaries of notable campus groups and services. Our message to every first-year student: Get Involved. It doesn't matter what you do – just get involved. When you look back on your university years you won't remember academic life, you'll remember the things you participated in and the friendships you built in the process.

ECSU fills the frosh kits. Look for this paper inside each kit. Oh good you found it. Enjoy! *photo/Adam Giles*

Erindale College Student Union (ECSU)

BY PREENA CHAUHAN
ECSU PRESIDENT

ECSU (Erindale College Student Union) represents full-time undergraduate students at UTM. Our purpose is to promote the best interests of students, to make our university experience as enjoyable as possible.

ECSU serves as a bridge between the students and administration at UTM. The ECSU Board sits on various committees dealing with aspects of student life representing the student voice and ensuring our needs are being addressed.

In addition, ECSU organizes social events aimed at contributing to the university experience including Orientation, Oktoberfest, Student Appreciation Days, etc. ECSU also operates the Blind Duck Pub, clubs on campus and VIBE radio.

Although ECSU focuses on many social events, we do not neglect the academic realm. This year, ECSU has created the position of Academic Director that deals with the issues students face academically.

Come by our office to learn how you can get involved. Cheap photocopying ($.07) and free local faxing.

Avoid standing in line

BY TRACY MONIZ

At UTM Computing Services

At long last, the old computers were replaced last year for the start of the 1999-2000 academic year. Unfortunately, the University didn't purchase enough computers. There are still far too many students who need to use the computers and can't because there aren't any available. If it's an e-mail account that you want, check out www.hotmail.com, and if you can avoid using UTM's computers to do so, then you'll save yourself some time. If you plan to try your luck at finding a computer, keep in mind that there are fewer people in the computer labs on Fridays, evenings and weekends.

At Registrarial and Counselling Services

Make friends with ROSI – the Repository of Student Information. By phone (416-872-ROSI) or on the web (www.rosi.utoronto.ca), ROSI lets you register for courses, add or drop courses, check your account balance, check your final grades, view your academic record, and order transcripts. You don't have to stand in line do get any of these things done if you don't want to!

If you find you need to pay Registrar's a visit, keep in mind that it tends to be busiest between 11:30a.m and 1:30p.m. the first couple weeks of classes, a few days prior to any major drop dates for courses or course refund deadlines. Bring along a magazine to look through, bring along a book to read, or bring along a friend who has nothing better to do. Warning: DO NOT "butt" into this line. People who wait in line at Registrarial Services are notoriously cranky.

At the Bookstore: Going to U of T without going to the bookstore seem impossible? Well, the beauty of the UTM Bookstore is that it is possible to avoid it. Browse over the ESCU bulletin boards in the North and South Buildings where you'll find postings for used books – much cheaper than what you'll find in the Bookstore. If you must visit the Bookstore during September, and don't want to spend anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour-and-a-half in line, force yourself out of bed early in the morning and be there when it opens. Alternatively, try going in the evenings, during the Bookstore's extended hours. Beware: The Bookstore is notoriously incompetent at handling book orders. You're sure to hear "The books are on their way," or "The professor put his order in late," at some point over the course of your university life – guaranteed!

At the Blind Duck Pub

The first and last pub nights of the year are always the busiest! Lineups are endless. Try coming to pub before 11p.m. or after 12:30a.m. Going to the pub during the day to play arcades and air hockey, or to shoot pool are all ways to relieve stress between classes.

UTM Registrarial Services

BY MARK OVERTON
UTM REGISTRAR

Registrarial Services provides:
-academic counseling (except for department-specific concerns regarding specialists, majors and minors)
-course registration information & services (course calendar/catalogue, course timetable, adding/dropping courses. verification letters/forms)
-graduation audits
-financial aid services (bursaries/grants, loans, scholarships, OSAP)
-personal counseling
-petition processing
-college admission recruiting
-information clearinghouse and referral service regarding rules and procedures.

Library

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Did you know you can also book an appointment with a Librarian and sit down one on one for an in depth session to learn how to navigate the diverse information resources available today?

If you don't know, come in now and get with the program today!

Academic Skills Centre

BY TRACY MONIZ

The Academic Skills Centre is UTM's coaching service. Its goal is to help students develop the skills needed to succeed in university. All services are based on a problem-solving approach to learning. Counselors will work with students to identify the critical areas that need work, and help students develop the skills they need to improve.

Seminars and workshops are run throughout the year on topics such as essay writing, lab report writing, memory skills, essay and short answer test taking, procrastination control, and time management. The Academic Skills Centre is not an editing service. Strategists will look at and discuss student essays and other written assignments and help students identify what needs fixing.

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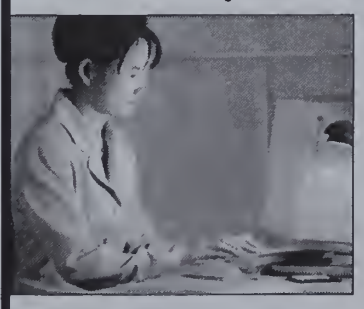

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SAC at UTM

BY CHRISTOPHER ALLSOP
SAC DIRECTOR

The Students' Administrative Council would like to welcome all of our returning students, as well as our new students to the University of Toronto at Mississauga for the 2000-2001 academic year.

We represent the full time undergraduate students at the University of Toronto. We at SAC look forward to working with you, the students, to ensure a better university experience. SAC has many initiatives that involve the students. We administer the Health insurance program for full time undergraduate students. We deal with administration both at the university and government levels to voice student's opinions and concerns to the administration. We help administer various clubs and organizations located across all 3 campuses. We help ensure all students are treated equally regardless of their race, religion, gender or beliefs.

Think of SAC as your liaison to the University. If you have any questions regarding your university experience, please feel free to ask us. We may not be able to answer every question, but we will try to put you in the right direction to have your question answered.

We at SAC look forward to seeing you come out to visit us at our office located in the Student Centre in room 131. Our phone number is 905 828-5494.

Your SAC Erindale Directors for 2000-2001 are:

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The Medium – The voice of UTM

BY TRACY MONIZ

The Medium is entering its 27th year of keeping Erindale students informed and entertained. The Medium's mandate is to inform students of local and national concerns, while giving UTM students an opportunity to practice journalism.

You will not find the stereotypical hard-nosed, intimidating, cut-throat reporter among The Medium's staff. The Medium draws a group of interested and dedicated students with different opinions, different approaches, and different academic backgrounds together for a common goal – to be UTM's voice for students. The staff is comprised of students interested in journalism, students interested in current events, students interested in writing, students interested in the Arts, and students interested in sports. Above all, the staff is comprised of students interested in the quality of student life at UTM.

The Medium's editorial staff for the 2000-2001 year are:

Richie Mehta - Editor-in-chief
Adam Giles - News Editor
Jennifer Matotek - Arts & Entertainment Editor
Tracy Moniz - Features Editor
Nuvera Mirza – Photography Editor

The editors won their positions in elections held at the close of the 1999-2000 academic year. All the editors started off as volunteer writers for The Medium.

Pick up your weekly issue of The Medium at newsstands throughout the campus. Find out what administration is trying to hide from students, check out the scores, read a CD review, or see which views are being spread across our Opinions page on any given week.

You can find The Medium office on the second floor of The Student Centre. Stop by to check out how we do what we do. Stop by with questions, with an opinion, with a Letter to the Editor, or with an interest in writing. Stop by with a desire to be an active participant in what happens at your university.

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Clubs At UTM

BY SEAN O'LEARY
ECSU CLUBS ADMINISTRATOR

ECSU's many clubs are back and better than ever! Do you have any special interests? Are you searching for an academic edge? Possibly, you want to meet others from your cultural background, celebrate your heritage, or learn more about other cultures? Welcome, then, to the world of clubs on campus.

At Erindale, there are over forty clubs and services that are active in every aspect of student life. From academically-oriented clubs, which give students the extra edge, the extra help and the extra fun in their field of study, to cultural organizations, special interest clubs, and volunteer groups, each club shows its members a unique side of life at UTM.

UTM Computing Services

BY JOE LIM

Every student registered in a course at UTM receives a FREE computer account that remains in existence until you graduate or are no longer a registered student at UTM. Students will have their own e-mail account, access to the internet and to general purpose productivity packages such as Microsoft Office, Netscape and course specific software.

We also provide a dial-in-service (PPP account), Personal Web Pages for UTM students and ERINConnect (residence network). There is a fee involved in obtaining these services.

Printing can be done at any of the Computer Labs on Campus using a T-Card or Campus Card. Again, there is a cost associated to printing.

A Help Desk is located in the Main Computer Lab in the South Building, Room 2045/2039. The Help Desk is staffed with UTM student advisors during the academic year. The Help Desk offers assistance to students having problems using our facilities.

You are welcome to visit our web site: www.erin.utoronto.ca/~w3cc or the Computer Centre, Room 2043, South Building to learn more about our services.

Career Centre

BY JOAN MCCURDY-MYERS
MANAGER, CAREER CENTRE

The Career Centre at UTM Weolcomes all new students.

We invite you to visit the Career Centre us in person - South Building room 3094, electronically at ww.erin.utoronto.ca/careers.

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-Job postings (part time, Ontario Work-Study, summer)

-Workshops (What Can I Do With My Degree, Resumes and others)

-Career Resource Library (information re careers, professional schools,
employers, job search and more)

-Individual career library assistance, individual resume critiques and career counseling.

UTM Campus Police

BY JACK PIENCZYKOWSKI

The University Police Service is a department of ten officers sworn in as peace officers in the region of Peel for the purpose of keeping the peace at UTM. Service to the community is provided twenty-four hours, seven days a week. Officers patrol on foot, patrol vehicles and on bicycles.

To further enhance safety on campus, the following security measures are in place:

- emergency telephones (strategically located)
- pay phones with free dialing to 911 and UTM Police
- Closé Circuit Television Cameras to monitor inside of buildings and parking lots
- improved lighting in parking lots and walkways
- Ride Safer Program
- Walk Safer Program
- UTM Police personal escorts outside of Walk Safer and Ride Safer operating hours
- Emergency Notification Program,
- Emergency Response Guide

Feel free to come by our office located just inside the main doors of the South Building, adjacent to Registrarial Services, or call (905) 569-433 for emergencies or (905) 828-5200 for general information/assistance.

In closing, the University Police are here for your protection and assistance but everyone must assume responsibility for safety in the community. If you see an offence being committed on campus or witness an incident of a suspicious nature, contact the University Police immediately. All calls are kept confidential. Help us help you.

AccessAbility Resource Centre

BY TRACY MONIZ

The AccessAbility Resource Centre provides services to students who have a permanent or temporary disability that may affect their ability to fully participate in their courses or campus activities. The Centre also provides information on disabilities and relevant community organizations.

Individual counselling pertaining to a student's disability is available. Additional services include transcription of print material into cassette, disk, large print, and Braille, access to assistive technology, notetaking, and alternative test and exam arrangements. The AccessAbility Centre also addresses accessibility issues on UTM campus, and counsels students with a permanent or temporary disability on developing strategies to succeed at university.

The AccessAbility Resource Centre is located in the South Building, room 1113.

UTM Health Services

BY TRACY MONIZ

UTM Health Services offers information and/or care for the following medical services to all students:

First Aid
Immunizations
Allergy Injections
Sports injuries
Health Counseling
Sexually Transmitted Diseases
Birth control
Pregnancy tests
Annual health examinations
Morning after pill
Health insurance information

Students also have the services of registered nurses, physicians and a psychiatrist. Health Services is located in room 1123 South Building (in the corridor to the right of the Bookstore).

All consultations are strictly confidential.

Child Care Centre

BY LORRAINE OTOIDE

The Child & Family Resource Centre provides parent and family support services for students, staff, and faculty. The service offers information on family counseling, parent support groups, child care programs, home daycare registry, baby-sitting lists and elder care information in the Region of Peel. The resource centre sponsors and conducts various seminars and workshops throughout the school year.

The Erindale College Child Care Centre offers part-time and limited full-time care for the children of students, staff, and faculty. The centre caters to students whose class, study, or work schedules are atypical. The centre provides care by E.C.E. trained staff for children from 18 months to 12 years of age.

The Child Care Centre is located in Phase V Residence, unit 227.

Athletics

BY JACK KRIST

The Centre for Physical Education offers a wide variety of programs to suit the needs of all students. Current students now have access to all of our newly renovated facilities as part of their incidental fees.

Our Fitness Centre has the following new equipment: 3 stairmasters, 2 treadmills, a stepmill, a cable cross machine and 2 olympic henches and bars. We also have exercise bikes, to go along with free weights, universal equipment, a gravitron and windracers. We also offer an indoor circuit training centre located at the Fitstop which includes universal strength resistance and aerobic stations.

For those interested in drop-in fitness, the Centre offers a number of different classes including: Boxercise; CycleFit; Step and much more!

UTM students are also eligible to compete in our Interfaculty and Intramural Programs. Interfaculty is where UTM teams compete against other University of Toronto colleges. Tryouts start in early September. If you played high school, you can play for us!! Intramural is where UTM students compete against one another in leagues and tournaments on campus at UTM.

The Women's Centre

BY TRACY MONIZ

The Women's Centre is dedicated to "creating a safe physical, emotional, and spiritual environment for all women and men at Erindale and its surrounding community." Located in rooms 131A and 131D in the North Building, The Women's Centre is a resource centre for discussing feminist issues and activities, from cancer research to commemorating women's successes, and a place to address society problems such as sexism, homophobia, and religious differences.

Information courtesy of The Women's Centre website (www.erin.utoronto.ca/~w3women/)

The UTM Shuttle Bus

BY TRACY MONIZ

UTM runs a shuttle bus service between the Erindale and St. George campus. Ticket must be bought in advance, and a student identification card must be shown prior to riding. Ticket can be purchased in the North Building, room 153 between 9a.m. and 5p.m., and in room 131B between 11a.m to 3p.m., and 4 – 7p.m. UTM students pay $1.75 (pink tickets) for a one-way fare. All others riders pay $3.00. The buses are also equipped with two wheel chair positions.

The following is the schedule effective September 11, 2000:

To St. George Campus: Departs from the North Building and the Kaneff Centre (2 minutes later)

7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15
7:30p.m. and 9:30p.m. evening bus operates Monday to Thursday only

To Erindale campus: Departs from the Medical Sciences Building

8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:30, 6:15
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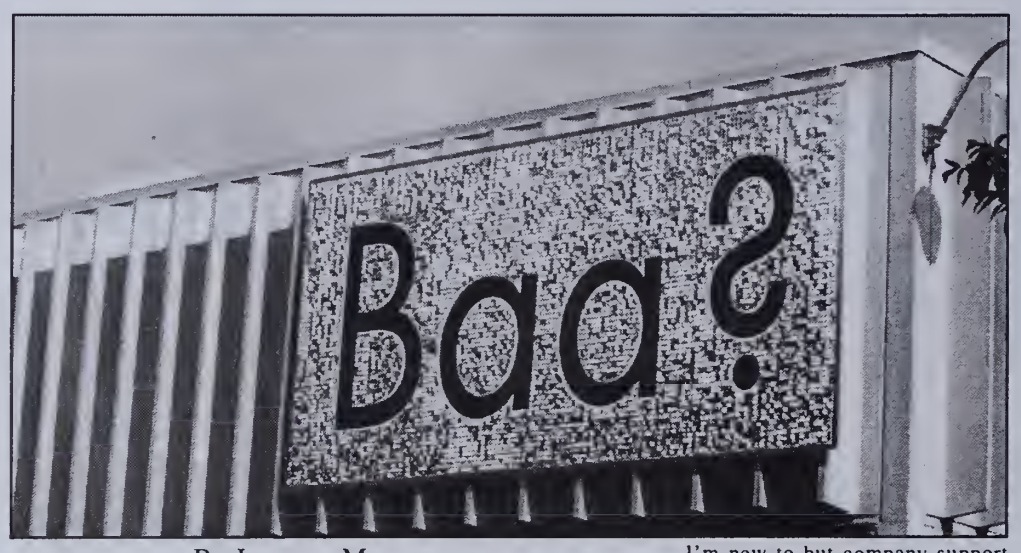

BY JENNIFER MATOTEK

Some students think that the UTM campus is dead over the summer months. But signs of life sprout all over campus in the form of art installations. Blow-up clownish heads bob contemplatively above the Kaneff Centre, handcrafted signs flicker in the summer breeze, and other pieces blend unnoticed into Erindale's park-like setting. The logocity exhibition was mounted in conjunction with Blackwood Gallery curator Barbara Fischer. The show has been profiled in several publications over the summer months, including the Mississauga News, Lola magazine and the Globe & Mail.

The project developed over the course of several months, in collaboration with the students of Barbara Fischer's Curatorial Practises class last term. Each student provided research material and an installation plan. "I had the idea in February of last year," said Fischer, "and we applied for the first grant in May of last year. Then we heard from the government about the funding in August. Securing sponsorship is an area I'm new to but company support is surprisingly easy to get," Fischer explains in reference to securing financial support. "Many companies and corporations like being involved in creative endeavors, and are excited to supply artists with common material that will be used in new and different ways."
ways."

According to Fischer, a year is actually a short time in which to plan an exhibition of this scale. "Usually it's better to plan projects over two years because it really gives the artist the chance to think about the site," she says. " The Curatorial Practises class and I intended to publish a catalogue for the show but it wasn't possible due to time constraints."

When Fischer contacted potential artists to find out whether the pieces in the show would be new or existing works, they were so enthusiastic to participate that they waived the traditional pay-by the-hour installation payment in favor of a flat rate exhibition fee. "I chose the artists represented in the show because they all dealt with the same kinds of issues. They were really supportive and generous about the project, and I really enjoyed observing their responses to the sites," said Fischer. "Working outdoors is so much different than doing an indoor project. The physical process of installation is so much different than just bringing in a painting and hanging it – it can take at least two or three days per artist with pieces like this."

Fischer developed the concept behind the show while examining the signage on the UTM campus, and assessing it's relationship to corporate and suburban culture. "I've never been in the suburbs before coming to Mississauga – except as a kid where I grew up," she says. "The relationship between the 'suburbs' of Mississauga to the 'downtown' of Toronto is very interesting to me."

As a subculture, Fischer observes that Mississauga revolves around automobiles, corporate signage, and shopping malls – which makes the UTM campus an ideal location to explore the issues evoked by the logocity installations. She also wanted to touch upon the issue of gallery attendance: "The big problem with the gallery setting today is that there's very few people who want to go in them. It's necessary in a university setting to broaden the meaning of what contemporary art is, and what it should be."

This is the first time Erindale has done anything like this. -Barbara Fischer, curator

Fischer is positive that this exhibition will establish a reputation for the Blackwood Gallery, and predicts that such large-scale exhibitions will attract more visitors to UTM. "The opening was really great for attendance," she says. describing her desire to draw more people from downtown into the suburbs of Mississauga to check out the show. "I see the Blackwood's reputation is growing with every show, she says, "and I would like us to become more accessible and more well-known with every show we do."

Fisher hopes that students will appreciate the pieces in the show come September. "People have been very respectful so far," she says. "This is the first time Erindale has done anything like this, so I understand how some people might have reservations about this project. I worry about vandalism as a possibility, but I've received positive feedback so far."

Unfortunately, some viewers find "Endgame" – the Max Streicher piece, featuring the clown heads atop the Kaneff Centre – to be offensive. "They are very vulgar," says Barbara Fischer, "but they're also very light, funny, and contemplative, the way those faces look up at the sky all day. Art changes a place, and can do a lot to make it a real place: to activate it, and make people think about it differently," she argues. "It's only a temporary exhibition, so it's not as though I'm plunking something down that people are going to have to live with permanently."

If nothing else, curator Barbara Fisher hopes that logocity will "encourage people into thinking about an existing site in a new way – so that even when the art is gone, people will still remember it, and how it changed the way that people evaluated the site on which it was located."

The LogoCity exhibition will continue on campus until October 29, 2000.

photos/Nuvera Mirza

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CD REVIEWS

Ace of Base
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(Arista)

Just when you thought their little stint in the spotlight was through, **Ace of Base** pulled back and released an album of their greatest hits. Jenny, Linn, Ulf, and Jonas sit around the campfire and reflect on their albums of years past – both of them.

Honestly. What does this group think they're doing? How can you put out a greatest hits CD after just two albums? Doesn't **Ace of Base** have any new material? Not that there's anything wrong with the 12 collected songs. "All That She Wants," "The Sign," Beautiful Life," "Cruel Summer," Don't Turn Around," and "Lucky Love" are songs worth listening to...again. Unless you've discovered Napster and ravaged it for everything it's worth, this collection is perfect for you cheap **Ace of Base** fans who, like me, didn't buy the band's first two albums: All of their 'A' material is here. And in the CD booklet, there are plenty of pictures of Linn and Jenny in fine form. Two of the most beautiful sisters ever!

-Adam Giles

The Micronauts
Bleep to Bleep
(Virgin)

The **Micronaut's** *Bleep to Bleep* is what happens when you lock two musicians in a basement with defective old-school analogue gear, several blunt objects and a mess of patch cables... and it sounds great. Crusty Kraftwerkish bleeps and blops mesh with a steady hard-rocking techno beat to create a refined and minimal sound.

The album progresses through subtleties of samples and analogue bass lines while keeping a steady, hard beat throughout. As an entire CD, it lacks diversity, but on repeated plays it becomes one 44 minute long track that speaks volumes about the roots of techno and a love for outdated electronic gear. If you like hard, crusty, beeping, dead radio station techno, buy this album.

-Laurence Cymet

Cypress Hill
Skull and Bones
(Sony)

This two disk set, entitled *Skull*, and *Bones* (respectively), feature **Cypress Hill's** characteristic fusion of rock and rap. Each disc focuses on one genre. *Skull's* harder style rap successfully appeals to more than just hard-core rap fans. *Bones*, featuring the hit alt-rock single "Superstar," is the shorter of the two discs – which says something about where **Cypress Hill's** musical preference lies.

Cypress Hill's hard rock-rap sound might put them in a category with Kid Rock, but their lyrics are far more intelligent and intense. From the unorthodox starts of "What U Want From Me" to the mockingly comic lyrics of "Stank Ass Hoe," **Cypress Hill** mixes up styles and sounds with a fair amount of success, but the best track on the album would have to be the widely released single, "Superstar." A mediocre effort – although some rap lovers might give this album a higher rating.

-Sean O'Leary

Medeski Martin & Wood
Tonic
(EMI)

Picture yourself inside a small, smoky jazz club in the heart of New York City. Martini glasses are clinking everywhere. This is the vibe that **Medeski Martin and Wood** achieves in their latest offering, which was recorded over a series of live performances in March of 1999, in the small New York City jazz club called Tonic.

My ear for jazz is pretty restricted, but you don't need to know much about jazz to recognize that *Tonic* kicks ass. Soft, sultry and soulful, *Tonic* is the perfect backdrop for a quiet afternoon of painting, reading or a yummy dinner party. In the studio or playing live, **Medeski Martin & Wood** are exceedingly talented jazz musicians, and this live album showcases their improvisational skill on tracks like "Seven Dead Lies," where musical strains wane in and out of melodic, unharmonic perfection. Fantastic.

-Jennifer Matotek

Everclear
Songs from an American Movie Vol. One: Learning How to Smile
(EMI)

Everclear's *Songs from an American Movie Volume One: Learning how to Smile* opens with the sounds of chirping crickets and barking dogs, but gives way to 11 groovy songs. Although most of the album's songs are catchy, the catchiest song on this album is "Wonderful" – you know, the song you've heard on the radio that goes, "I want the things that I had before, like a *Star Wars* poster on my bedroom door."

"Wonderful" is one of the best sing-along-to-while-you-drive songs in a long time. It's one of those songs that's sung an octave out of your vocal range at some points, but you still try to sing along anyway because it's such a great song. When **Everclear** performed "Wonderful" on Jay Leno, Alexakis could barely replicate the singing voice he had in the studio. It's that good.

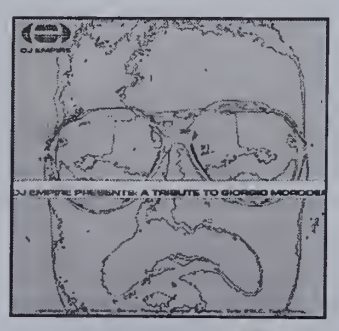
A few other notable tracks from this album include "AM Radio," which groves along for a good four minutes, and "Annabella's Song," which makes you bob your head side to side and smile like a Charlie Brown dancer. The band also does a spectacular cover of **Van Morrison's** "Brown-Eyed Girl." Well done boys. I look forward to hearing the next installment of *Songs from an American Movie*. The sequel should be wonderful.

-Adam Giles

DJ Empire
DJ Empire Presents: A Tribute to Giorgio Moroder
(BMG)

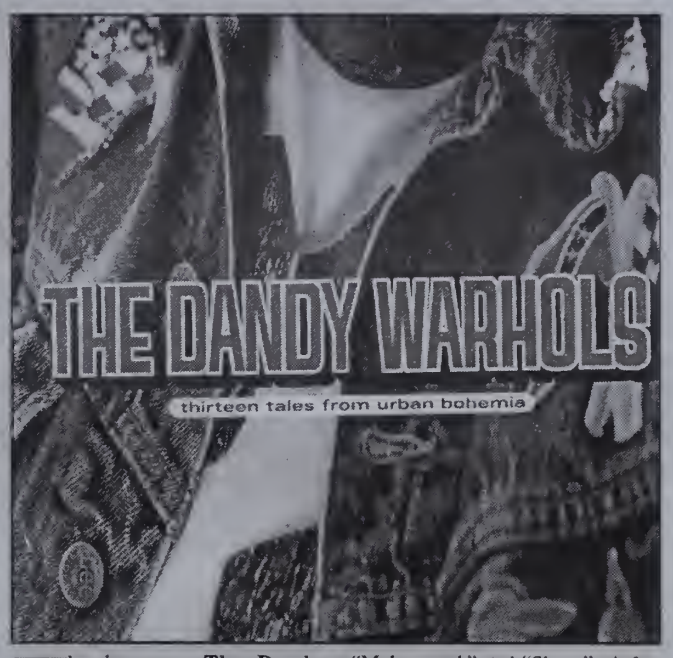
In this tribute to disco pioneer Giorgio Moroder (the mastermind behind Donna Summer,Gloria Gaynor, and Blondie, to name a few) you find a mix of techno, trance and house remixes of classic disco tracks from the late seventies. Taking a look at the track listing got me salivating: **Westbam** remixing "Sigue Sigue Sputnik," **DJ Tomcraft** remixing "NeverEnding Story," **Todd Terry** covering "Call Me"... And the list goes on. Sadly, none of the tracks were very catchy, making me wonder whether or not this music can be improved upon by adding a techno beat. **7th district's** "Reach Out" sounds great until the actual vocals take over for the robot speak, because it makes you realize that the lyrics "reach out for the medal, reach out for that gold" are just not cool. The musical styles featured in the album are quite diverse, but the 18 tracks of ***DJ Empire*** seem oddly trimmed down – which is a total letdown, especially when you know that this album was originally supposed to be released as a double CD. If you love late seventies disco, or if you think **Giorgio Moroder** is a cool guy - then buy this CD – you'll probably appreciate it. For others looking for good tunes, tread carefully- this album is for a very specific audience.

-Laurence Cymet



ALBUM PICK OF THE WEEK

The Dandy Warhols
thirteen tales from urban bohemia
(EMI)

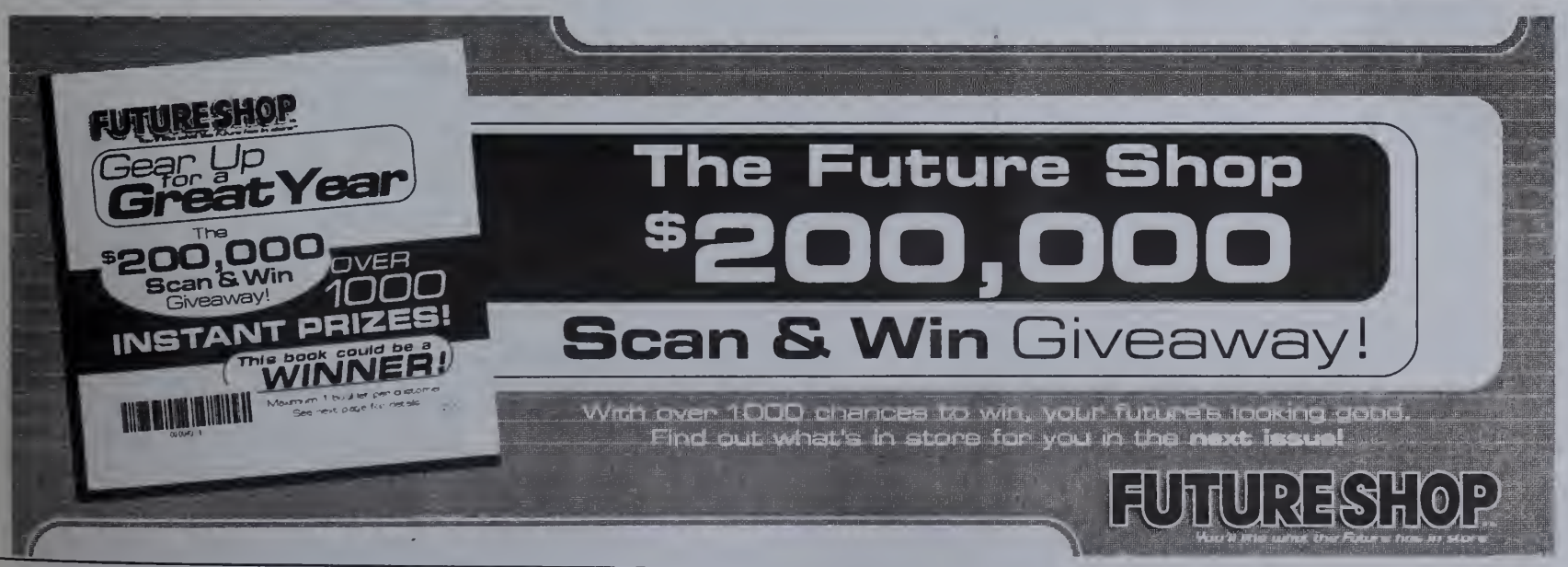


The hype on **The Dandy Warhol's** newest double album, *thirteen tales from urban bohemia*, has been extremely high thanks to constant airplay of the album's first single, "Godless." Once a neo-psychedelic novelty band, they established themselves in the mainstream of alt-rock with the song, "Not if You Were the Last Junkie On Earth," released as a single from their second studio album. **The Warhols** hype culminated in a sold-out show at The Horseshoe earlier this summer.

This album deserves all the hype it gets. Lead singer Courteney Taylor growls and whispers atop the soulful harmonies of "Godless," "Mohammed," and "Sleep." A few of the songs on the album, like "Country Leaver," "Solid," and "Horse Pills" are a bit too twangy upon multiple listens, and sound like rejected Sloan B-sides from the early Nineties.

The second CD included in this album compliments the first disc rather nicely, featuring six live versions of their older songs. Low key and generally unobtrusive, *thirteen tales from urban bohemia* is ideal for a quiet, friendly gathering: the perfect accompaniment to a bottle of wine, and candles.

-Jennifer Matotek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SPORTS

UTM Athletics gets $300,000 for renovations

Supposed to be done by Sept.11

BY SACHIN BHANDARI

If you've been to UTM in the past few days you will have noticed the yellow tape keeping you from going to the lower level of the South Building. This is due to the renovations occurring to the athletic facilities. These renovations are being funded by a $300,000 gift given to UTM by the Provost of the University of Toronto. To receive this gift, Principal McNutt had to commit to resolve the $80,000 deficit incurred by Athletics and Recreation at UTM in the 1999-2000 school year.

More than half of the $300,000 will be used to renovate the locker rooms with $91,000 being spent on new lockers alone. There will be new lockers, handicapped showers with chairs and curtains, and flooring in both the men's and women's change rooms. There will also be new mirrors and enhanced lighting in the women's area. Also, the walls will be repainted and there will be new signs. These renovations are needed because there are entrapment areas in the change rooms and these changes will make the change rooms safer for everybody. Certain walls will be demolished, new convex mirrors in the women's change rooms will allow women to see around the corners, and new safety call boxes will allow for them to contact the campus police in the case of an emergency.

Twenty-thousand dollars will be used to improve the gymnasium. There will be a new centre logo painted on a resurfaced floor. There will also be new lines on the floor and the walls and doors will be painted. Other areas being renovated include the teaching studio, squash courts, hallways, the fit stop, and offices. All areas will get new lighting among other things.

Some of the money will also be spent to improve health and safety, programming, and operations. Under the health and safety category, $30,000 will be spent to add two treadmills, four stairclimbers, a cable cross, and two new Olympic benches and bars. To make room for all of this new equipment three old stairclimbers and a stepmill will be traded in and the old benches will be removed. Under the programming classification, additions include new nets for ball hockey and indoor soccer, new balls for all sports, exercise balls, a scorers table, and team benches.

"Everybody will notice a huge improvement in our facilities," said Acting Director Jack Krist. However, some students are skeptical of these improvements. Kevin Ali, a 4th year biology major, said "the weightroom was too overcrowded and hot last year, and with these additions the situation won't get much better this year."

> "Everybody will notice a huge improvement in our facilities"
> -Jack Krist

Presently, there are many contractors working to make sure the work gets done on time. The renovations should be done by the time classes commence on September 11th and memberships to use the facilities will go on sale on that day. The only thing missing will be lockers – they won't be ready for use until the end of September. Temporary lockers will be installed in the hallway leading to the Fitness Centre and along the wall to the left as people enter the Centre.

One item not being added to the facilities is another gym, which many students feel the campus badly needs. Many high schools have bigger gymnasiums than UTM and with double the number of first year students coming soon in the double cohort year, there may not be enough room for everybody to use the facility. The gym is almost fully booked when the school year begins for intramural, interfaculty, and recreational activities as is indicated by the schedule posted on the wall near the doors to the gymnasium. Nearly all the mornings will be booked with women's intramural hockey, and men's intramural indoor soccer and basketball. Most evenings will be reserved for interfaculty practices and eventually home games, while afternoons will be booked with recreational basketball, soccer, volleyball, and badminton. With the greater number of students turning up for recreational time, especially for basketball, not everybody will get a chance to play in their spare time or they may have to wait to play. Jack Krist would love to have another gym so that interfaculty teams could hold practices more than once a week but the likelyhood of another gym coming to UTM in the near future is very remote as it will take more than $300,000 to build another gym.

The athletic facilities are currently being renovated. *photo/Nuvera Mirza*

Looking forward to a new year in UTM sports

BY SACHIN BHANDARI

Another year has arrived with a lot to look forward to. An interesting issue is the $300,000 renovation to the athletic facilities which will spark debate among students concerning the use of the funds.

There are also changes in intramural sports as woman's ball hockey gets moved to the first semester. Hopefully, participation will increase in intramural sports. Last year was one of the worst years ever for intramural sports, especially in coed softball, men's indoor soccer, men's basketball and men's flag football. It seems a handful of students are the only ones who participate in sports, and some of these individuals have enough of those intramural champion t-shirts to last a week.

It is important to note that everyone is paying for these facilities, and should use them to get their money's worth.

Off campus, the Olympics in Australia will actually fall during the first month of the school calendar this year posing a dilemma for some students. Skip school to watch ballroom dancing or relax for six hours in those very clean green chairs in the meeting place. It's a tough choice that many students will have, be sure you make the right one. Another option is you can impress your peers by writing sports articles. Write about intramural sports, interfaculty sports, or UTM athletics in general. Have your say on how you rate the improvements made to the athletic facilities or write about the fees all students must pay to use the facilities.

Have a great year and don't forget to participate in intramural and interfaculty sports this year, you could even get your name in the newspaper!!!!

Rockafellas capture hoops title

BY JACK KRIST

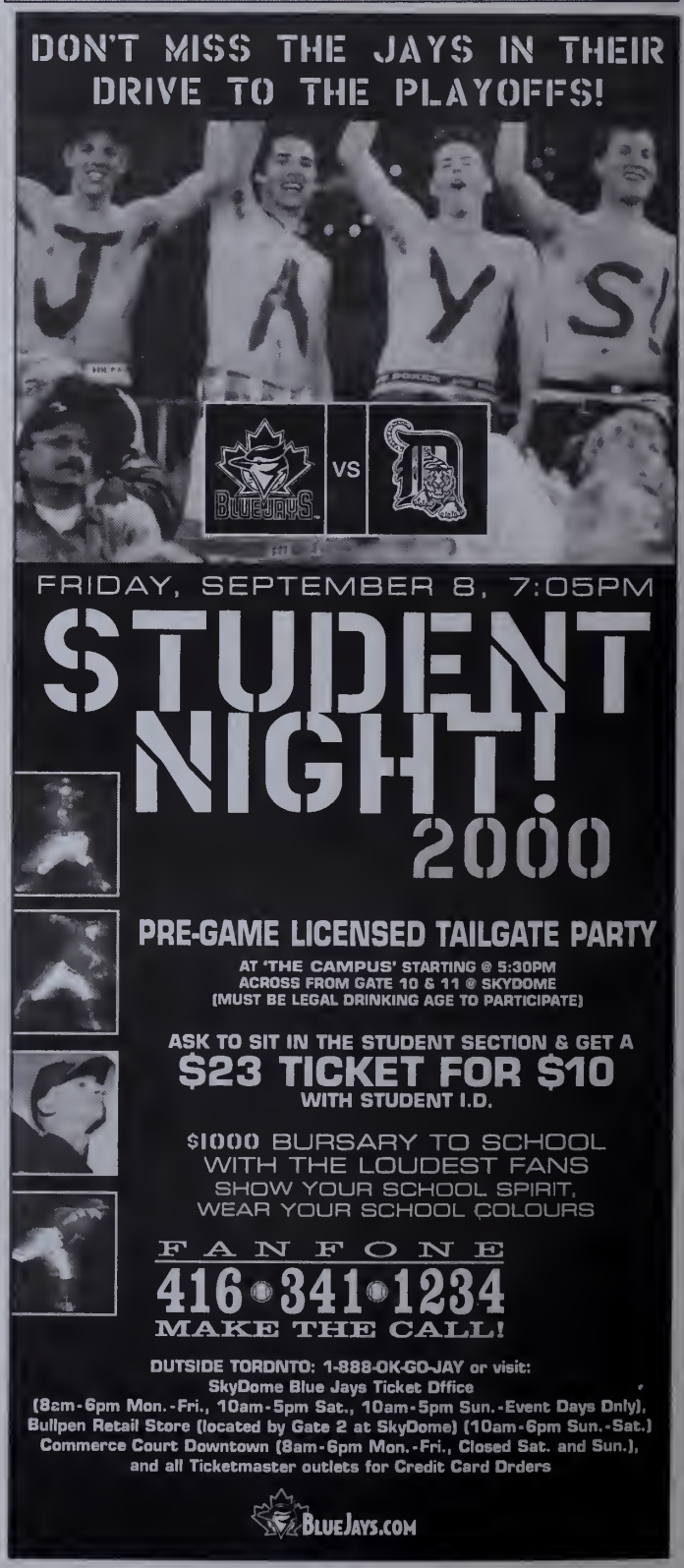
The Rockafellas, in a convincing show of power, captured the 2000 UTM Men's Summer Basketball League title for their first time.

The Rockafellas jumped out to an early 17-0 lead and never looked back as they cruised to a 96-81 victory. Fitzroy Lightbody, Jason Daley, and Mark Croft who combined for 45 of the team's 55 first half points led the Rockafellas. Sherway Dental, a semifinalist last year, managed to pull within 7 points at one point in the first half, led by Al St. Louis who hit three straight three-pointers, but trailed 55-43 at the break.

In the second half the crowd was looking for another patented Sherway Dental second half comeback. However, the Rockafellas had too many weapons and they kept the pressure on both the defensive and offensive ends. Sherway managed to get within 5 points, but that was as close as they would get as the Rockafellas maintained a fairly comfortable 8 to 10 point lead for the rest of the half, finally winning the game 96-81. Poor foul shooting by Sherway Dental kept this game from being closer, as the team shot a dismal 13 for 28 from the line for the game. Despite the poor foul shooting, four players still scored in double digits for the Sherway Dental team. They were led by St. Louis who hit for 25 points, Garfield Thompson 16, Vinton Bennett, the league slam dunk champion did not disappoint the crowd as 4 of his 14 points were on thunderous dunks and Oneil Lewis added 11. For the Rockafellas, Croft led the team with a game high 27 points, followed by Lightbody who had 24, Daley had 19 and Corey Fraser added 13.

Lightbody was named the play-off MVP for his dominant play throughout the play-offs. He hit for 28 points in a play-off qualifier game, followed by 29 points in the quarterfinal, 27 points in the semis and then capped it off with a 24-point championship final performance. He averaged almost 5 three pointers a game in the play-offs en route to an outstanding 27 points per game.

UTM was well represented in the league as five students (two of whom have graduated) faired well. Lance Stroud finished 4th in the league in scoring with an outstanding 21.38 points per game average. Aman Dhillon made the all-star team and scored 13.5 points per game, while Rohit Sethi, who is more known for his passing scored 5.6 points per game. Also, graduated students, Bill Dietz and Kevin Rawana, faired well for their respective teams.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